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SUBJ: STATUS REPORT ON REVIVED CONSCRIPTION/RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

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1. SUMMARY. THE PACE OF EFFORTS TO REVITALIZE CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN ABOUT WHAT WE EXPECTED; E.E., THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE HAS SLIPPED A WEEK. NEVERTHELESS, THE NEW CHIEF

OF JOINT CONSCRIPTION STAFF SEEMS TO HAVE WELL PREPARED THE GROUND FOR A CENSUS TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 11 CONCURRENT WITH A ROUND-UP OF DESERTERS AND DRAFT DODGERS. INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP BUT NOT YET SIGNED TO KICK OFF CONSCRIPTION IN THE PROVINCES. END SUMMARY.

2. THE CENSUS IN PHNOM HAS NOW BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 11 - 15 TO PERMIT THREE-DAY PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN BEFOREHAND. ALL CENSUS FORMS SHOULD BE IN COUNTRY AS OF COB TODAY (FEBRUARY 6). IN MEANTIME, CENSUS-TAKERS, WHO NOW NUMBER 1,700 REPUBLICAN POLICE, HAVE BEEN RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS, AND 10-HOUSE CHIEFS HAVE BEEN CALLED IN FOR ADDITIONAL MEETINGS BY DISTRICT.

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3. OPERATIONS TO ROUND-UP DESERTERS AND DRAFT DODGERS HAVE ALSO BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT WEEK SO THAT THEY CAN PROFIT FROM INFORMATION ASSEMBLED BY CENSUS-TAKERS. ANOTHER REASON FOR DELAY IS FAILURE BY NATIONAL GENDARMERIE COMMANDER, WHO IS OBVIOUSLY ATTEMPTING TO KEEP HIS DISTANCE

FROM THIS POLITICALLY RISKY OPERATION, TO PROVIDE PROPER INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS MEN PARTICIPATING IN THE 30 MIXED TEAMS. PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET IS AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM AND IS SEEKING MEANS OF GAINING MORE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER THE NATIONAL GENDARMERIE.

4. THE JOINT CONSCRIPTION STAFF HAS PREPARED AN ORDER TO THE PROVINCES TO COMMENCE CONSCRIPTION, WHICH HAS BEEN SIGNED BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE BUT AWAITS THE SIGNATURES OF MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND FANK COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. ORDER, WHICH SETS APRIL 1 DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF REGISTRATION OF YOUTH BORN IN 1956 AND MAY 1 DEADLINE FOR BEGINNING THE INDUCTION OF THIS GROUP, DETAILS STEPS ALL PROVINCES MUST TAKE IN THE REGISTRATION, EXAMINATION AND INDUCTION PROCESSES.

5. PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET ASSURED CHARGE' TODAY THAT HE PLANS TO PHASE OUT THE REPUBLICAN POLICE, GRADUALLY RE-ASSIGNING ITS MEMBERS TO THE NATIONAL POLICE AND THE NATIONAL GENDARMERIE. IN THE MEANTIME, RECRUITMENT FOR THE REPUBLIC POLICE WILL BE HALTED.

6. COMMENT: DESPITE THE SLIP IN THE PROPOSED CALENDAR, WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY RECENT ACTIVITY, WHICH INDICATES THAT CHIEF OF THE MIXED STAFF BG YONG YOC HAND HAS GAINED A BETTER HOLD ON THE WHOLE OPERATION AND THAT LONG BORET IS, HIMSELF, TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE (SOMEWHAT TO AILING DEFENSE MINISTER THAPPANA NGINN'S CHAGRIN).
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